

Merchant Marine on May 22, 1978, by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4556

March 21, 1978

National Farm Safety Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

All Americans, and a sizeable portion of the rest of the world's people, depend upon American agriculture for much of their food and fiber. Anything that diminishes the ability of farmers and ranchers to meet these vital needs is of great concern. Farm accidents are among the costliest impediments to production and cause great suffering and economic loss.

Accidents can destroy the lives and bodies, as well as the economic resources of farm families. Neither the individuals involved, nor the Nation, can afford these losses. Farm safety leaders believe that most farm accidents could be prevented with greater care in controlling hazards and unsafe practices—the same kind of dedicated, careful management and attention to detail that has made possible our incredible increase in agricultural production.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 25, 1978, as National Farm Safety Week. I call upon the men and women who operate the Nation's farms and ranches to regard safety as an integral part of all their activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4557

March 23, 1978

Pan American Day and Pan American Week, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For more than one hundred and fifty years the nations of the Western Hemisphere have recognized that peace and understanding can be achieved only if we are willing to put aside our differences and join together to solve our problems and share our opportunities. Drawing upon a common heritage and shared hopes for the future, the nations of the Americas constantly seek ways to strengthen their ties with

each other. Their success in achieving these goals is due in large measure to the Organization of American States, the world's oldest regional organization.

Through the Organization of American States we in the Western Hemisphere have developed a unique system of cooperation which promotes political understanding, economic progress and social justice. An organization of great vitality and adaptability, it is now responding vigorously to the new challenges of the last quarter of the twentieth century. For these reasons, the United States continues, and will continue, to lend its full support to the Organization of American States and the Inter-American System. Accordingly, it is appropriate that we join with its other members in reaffirming our mutual commitment to friendship, trust and cooperation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 14, 1978, as Pan American Day, and the week beginning April 9, 1978 as Pan American Week and call upon all Americans to honor these observances with ceremonies and activities that will reflect the continuing commitment of the United States of America to a peaceful and productive relationship among the nations and peoples of the Western Hemisphere.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER

Proclamation 4558

March 27, 1978

Sun Day, 1978

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Today the need to develop and expand renewable energy sources that can provide heating, cooling and power for homes, farms and factories is greater than at any other time in our Nation's history. For this reason, Americans are seeking ways of using the sun as an inexhaustible source of clean energy.

The Federal government and private organizations are working on programs to improve solar technology and encourage greater use of this safe, environmentally acceptable energy source. Our success, however, will depend upon an informed and involved public.

In order to inform the general public, industry and labor about solar technologies and to demonstrate the sun's potential in meeting America's energy needs, the Ninety-fifth Congress has adopted a joint resolution (H.J. Res. 715) designating Wednesday, May 3, 1978, as Sun Day and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation calling for its appropriate observance.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, JIMMY CARTER, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 3, 1978, as Sun Day and call upon the American people to observe that day with appropriate activities and ceremonies that will demonstrate the potential of solar energy. I direct all appropriate Federal agencies to support this national observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and second.

JIMMY CARTER